



Appendix A

Guide to Entry Status of Animal Products in Passenger Baggage or Mail

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Introduction

This appendix is a quick guide to regulating animal product importations in passenger baggage or in mail. If a country is **not** listed, consider it affected with all diseases. Directions for regulating animal product importations are detailed in the *Procedures* section of this manual. The *Reference* section describes entry requirements in detail. Use the *Reference* section for commercial importations and for **all** dairy products. **Never** use *Appendix A* for commercial importations.

Warning About Hand Carrying Biological Agents



Veterinary Services **prohibits** the hand carrying of certain biological agents such as those moving in contradiction¹ of the permit. Therefore, follow these directions in handling such hand-carried biological agents:


1. REVIEW the accompanying VS Form 16-6A, Import Permit.
2. CHECK if the agent is moving in contradiction¹ of the permit.
3. If the biological agent is moving in contradiction of the permit, then CONFISCATE the biological agent, and contact the National Center for Import and Export at 301/734-3277, for directions on proper storage, transport, and destruction of the materials.

- 1 For example, the VS Form 16-6A, Import Permit, specifies that "imported materials must be shipped by a commercial carrier," yet the biological agent is being hand carried. The biological agent would be moving in contradiction of the permit.

Handling Passengers That Are In Transit

In-transit passengers are travelers who are immediately passing through the United States on their way to another country. In general, such passengers are low risk for introducing animal diseases. However, if there is a risk of introducing disease, **do not** allow articles to transit. Use [Table A-1-1](#) to determine your action.

TABLE A-1-1 Determine Action to Take with Transiting Passengers' Meat, Meat Products, Animal Products, and Animal By-Products

If the passenger in transit has:	And it is:	And it is in the passenger's:	Then:
◆ Animal product ◆ Animal by-product ◆ Meat ◆ Meat product	Ineligible for entry	Baggage checked through to destination	ALLOW transit
		Carry-on baggage	REFUSE to allow transit
	Eligible for entry		ALLOW transit

Importations of Shelf-Stable Meat Cooked in the Container

Cooked, shelf-stable meat¹ is a condition that applies a high temperature which renders the meat or meat product shelf stable.

The following process must take place to render meat cooked, shelf stable:



1. Pack the meat or meat product in a rigid or semi-rigid container (glass, metal, or plastic), or a flexible pouch (foil or plastic).
2. Completely seal the container against the escape or entry of air (hermetically seal).
3. Cook the meat.

1 If you **cannot** determine the animal class, then REFUSE ENTRY. If other than canned, shelf-stable meat, then see the [Matrix on page A-1-9](#).

If you doubt the shelf stability of the product, then require appropriate certification for the product, based on the requirements published in this manual. Otherwise, refuse entry. If the discrimination of shelf stability is questionable and the product is frequently encountered, then contact PPQ, VRS for direction.

Use [Table A-1-2](#) below to determine the action to take for importations of cooked, shelf-stable meat.

TABLE A-1-2 Determine Entry Status for Importations of Canned, Shelf-Stable Meat in Passenger Baggage or Mail

If the meat was derived from:	And the region or country of origin is:	And is:	Then:
Ruminant	Affected with BSE		REFUSE ENTRY
	Free from BSE	Commercially packaged and labeled and contained in unopened containers or packages	If you can confirm the origin ¹ , then RELEASE
		Not as listed above	REFUSE ENTRY
Swine or poultry		Commercially packaged and labeled and contained in unopened containers or packages	If you can confirm the origin ¹ , then RELEASE
		Not as listed above	REFUSE ENTRY

- 1 The strongest confirmation is documentation (labeling, commercial name, receipts, and your own expertise). **Do not** necessarily take an individual's word for the origin of the product.

Interception of Parma Ham in Passenger Baggage

If a Parma ham is offered for importation in passenger's baggage with the required certification, you **must** inspect the ham. Ensure that the ham has **both** a hot brand or an ink seal showing the identifying plant number of the slaughtering establishment, and a button seal on the hock that shows the date and year the ham entered the processing establishment.

Importations of Bouillon Cubes or Granules and Dry Soup Mixes

Use [Table A-1-3 on page A-1-4](#) for importations of bouillon cubes or granules and dry soup mixes arriving in passenger baggage or the mail. Dry soup mixes are dehydrated soup mixes containing meat. Some mixes contain rice or pasta; some are just a powder mixture. All

large cup, add boiling water, etc.


Figure 1. The effect of the number of trials on the number of correct responses. The number of correct responses was significantly higher than the number of incorrect responses in all cases. Error bars represent the standard error of the mean.

- ◆ Products containing powdered or dry milk that are obviously for human use (soup mixes, drink mixes, baking mixes, baby/infant formula, and similar products) that are prepackaged and labeled in individual serving packages, normal retail-size packages, or packed for distribution in institutional sizes

For all other milk and dairy products, regulate the shipment as a commercial entry. See [Milk and Milk Products on page 3-14-1](#).

Irish Pork Purchased at Dublin and Shannon Airports

TABLE A-1-4 Irish Pork Purchased at Dublin and Shannon Airports

If the pork is:	And it is:	Then:
Accompanied by a copy of the Republic of Ireland's Meat and Meat Products for Export to the USA Certificate and an original cash register receipt	From an approved plant ¹	RELEASE
	Not from an approved plant	REFUSE ENTRY
Lacking either the certificate or the original receipt		

1 These are the only plants approved to sell pork products to the duty-free shops for export to the United States:

- ◆ 0332/P 0332: Queally Pig Slaughtering Ltd., trading as Dawn Pork and Bacon
- ◆ 0355/P 0355: Avonmore Foods Plc., trading as Irish County Meats Roscrea
- ◆ 0738/P 0738: Feldhues Ltd.
- ◆ P293: Galtee Meats Ltd.

Pork Skins or Rinds (Chicharrones)

Cooked pork skins or rinds (called chicharrones in Spanish) are admissible if, upon inspection, you determine that they have been thoroughly cooked. The pork skins or rinds must be crisp. They should crumble or break easily when bent.

TABLE A-1-5 Pork Skins or Rinds (Chicharrones)

If the pork skins or rinds:	Then:
Are thoroughly cooked to a crispness and break easily when bent ¹	RELEASE
Do not appear to have been thoroughly cooked as evidenced by not breaking easily when bent	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

1 A **small** amount of visible pork in the thoroughly cooked chicharrones is acceptable.

Pork in Cooked, Prepared Food from Mexico

TABLE A-1-6 Cooked, Prepared Food Containing Pork from Mexico

If entering at a:	And the pork is:	And in:	Then:
Land border port	Thoroughly cooked throughout (like carnitas, cooked meat in sandwiches, empanadas, tamales, and tacos)	Small quantities (like a day's lunch) for personal use when accompanying the person	RELEASE
		Larger quantities (in passenger's baggage, more than a day's lunch, or a commercial shipment)	1. SEIZE the product 2. If appropriate, ISSUE a civil penalty (spot settlement)
	Not thoroughly cooked, uncooked, or cured and dried	→	
Other than at a land border port	→	→	

Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country of Origin Known to Be Infected With END or Transited a Country Known to Be Affected With END

TABLE A-1-7 Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country of Origin Known to Be Affected With END or Transited a Country Known to Be Affected With END

If the bird:	And the importation is:	Then:
Has been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have been removed	→	1. RELEASE 2. ADVISE Customs that the importation may need to be cleared by U.S. Department of Interior
Has not been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have not been removed	Consigned to an approved establishment for processing as a trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ AUTHORIZE shipment by the importer under seal with VS 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete form) ◆ If from Mexico, AUTHORIZE movement by the importer ◆ RECORD the importer's driver's license number and vehicle number on VS 16-78
	Not consigned to an approved establishment	1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options to include allowing the importer to eviscerate the bird under PPQ supervision (see Table 2-2-11)

Definitions of Abbreviations, Regions, and Matrix Headings

Africa—Includes Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Congo (Republic of), Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of South Africa, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Western Sahara, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

ASF—African swine fever.

Asia—Includes Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia (Kampuchea), China, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos (People's Democratic Republic), Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Taiwan (Province of China), Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, and Yemen.

Listed separately: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Oman, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, and Tajikistan.

BSE—Bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Central America—Includes Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama; **excludes** Costa Rica.

CSF—Classical swine fever (also known as hog cholera).

Cured and Dried—If the cured and dried meat is coming from a country affected with diseases of concern, then the meat requires official certification. However; it is unlikely that noncommercial shipments will be given a certificate from the exporting country. If you do encounter meat accompanied by a valid certificate, then handle the meat as if it were a commercial shipment. Use the **Reference** section for meat in this manual.

END—Exotic Newcastle disease (formerly VVND).

Eggs—If the importation is cooked or boiled eggs, crack a random sample to verify that there are no viable embryos, or puncture the contents to ensure that there are no viable embryos.

FMD—Foot-and-mouth disease.

FMD/SR—Foot-and-mouth disease free with special requirements to apply. Applies only to meat.

SE—*Salmonella enteritidis*.

South America—Includes Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Falkland Islands, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela. Brazil, Chile, French Guiana, and Uruguay are listed separately.

SVD—Swine vesicular disease.

SVD/SR—Swine vesicular disease free with special requirements to apply. Applies only to meat.

United Kingdom—England, Scotland, Wales, and Isle of Man. Northern Ireland is listed separately.

Legend For Matrix

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The importation is admissible with adequate proof of origin. Proof of origin is documentary evidence of where an animal product comes from, such as a meat inspection certificate, certificate of origin, bill of lading, affidavit, invoice, label, or document prepared by the manufacturer, shipper, or seller.

P

Prohibit the entry of the importation.

()

Abbreviations within parentheses indicate Dependent States and the country of their dependence.

EXAMPLE

The entry for Bonaire a Dependent State of the Netherlands is Bonaire (Netherlands).
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X

Disease status is known to be present in the region or country.

Matrix

Region or Country	Disease Status									Ruminant		Swine			Poultry/Eggs		
	ASF	BSE	CSF	END(VVND)	FMD	FMD/SR	SE	SVD	SVD/SR	Cured and Dried	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cured & Dried	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cooked	Fresh	Preserved Eggs
Africa	X		X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Albania		X	X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Anguilla (United Kingdom)		X	X	X			X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Antigua and Barbuda			X	X	X			X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Armenia			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Aruba (Netherlands)		X	X	X	X		X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Asia			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Australia							X			E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P
Austria		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Azerbaijan			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Bahamas			X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Barbados			X	X			X	X		E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Belarus			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Belgium		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Belize			X	X			X			E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Bermuda (United Kingdom)		X				X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Bonaire (Netherlands)		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Bosnia and Herzegovina		X	X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Brazil	X		X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Bulgaria		X	X	X	X		X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Canada		X								P	P	E	E	E	E	E	E
Cayman Islands (United Kingdom)		X			X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Central America (except Costa Rica)			X	X			X			E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Channel Islands (United Kingdom)		X	X			X	X			P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Chile			X			X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Costa Rica			X				X	X		E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P

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	ASF	BSE	CSF	END(VVND)	FMD	FMD/SR	SE	SVD	SVD/SR	Cured and Dried	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cured & Dried	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cooked	Fresh	Preserved Eggs
Croatia		X	X		X		X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Cuba	All agricultural products are embargoed.																
Curaçao (Netherlands)		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Czech Republic		X	X	X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Denmark		X		X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Dominica			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Dominican Republic			X	X			X			E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Estonia			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Fiji							X			E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P
Finland		X				X	X			P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
France		X	X			X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
French Guiana (France)		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Georgia			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Germany		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Greece		X	X			X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Greenland				X			X			E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P
Grenada			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Guadeloupe (France)		X	X			X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Guyana			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Haiti	X		X	X			X			E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Hungary		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Iceland							X			E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P
Indonesia			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Ireland (Northern)		X		X	X		X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Ireland, Republic of		X				X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Italy		X	X	X		X	X	X		P	P	P ¹	P	P	E	P	P
Jamaica			X	X			X	X		E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Japan		X	X	X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Kazakstan			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Korea, Republic of (South)			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Kyrgyzstan			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

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Latvia			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Lithuania			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Luxembourg		X	X			X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Macedonia (the former Republic of Yugoslav)		X	X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Malta	X		X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Margarita Island (Venezuela)			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Martinique (France)		X	X			X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Mexico			X	X			X			E	E	P	P ²	P	E	P	P
Micronesia	X		X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Moldova			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Montenegro	See Serbia and Montenegro																
Montserrat (United Kingdom)		X		X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Netherlands		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
New Zealand							X			E	E	E	E	E	E	P	P
Norway		X		X		X	X			P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Oman		X	X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Philippines			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Poland		X	X	X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Portugal		X	X	X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Romania		X	X	X	X		X			P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Russian Federation			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saba (Netherlands)		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Barthelemy (France)		X	X			X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Eustatius (Netherlands)		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Kitts and Nevis			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Lucia			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Martin, northern (France)		X	X			X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

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Saint Martin, southern (Netherlands)		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Pierre and Miquelon (France)		X	X				X			P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Serbia and Montenegro (formerly Yugoslavia)		X	X	X	X		X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Slovak Republic		X	X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
South America (except Brazil and Chile)			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Spain		X	X	X		X	X		X	P	P	P ³	P	P	E	P	P
Suriname			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Sweden		X				X	X			P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Switzerland		X	X			X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Tajikistan			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Trinidad and Tobago			X	X			X	X		E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Turkey			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Turkmenistan			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Turks and Caicos Islands (United Kingdom)		X				X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Ukraine	X		X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
United Kingdom (excluding Northern Ireland)		X				X	X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Uzbekistan			X	X	X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Virgin Islands, British		X			X		X		X	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Yugoslavia	(see Serbia and Montenegro)																

- 1 If a Parma ham, go to [Dried, Cured Hams, Loins, and Shoulders from Italy and Spain on page 3-13-28](#).
- 2 If small quantities for personal use when accompanying the person, go to [Table A-1-6, "Cooked, Prepared Food Containing Pork from Mexico," on page A-1-6](#).

- 3 If a Serrano ham, Iberian ham, Iberian pork shoulder, or an Iberian pork loin, go to [Dried, Cured Hams, Loins, and Shoulders from Italy and Spain on page 3-13-28](#).

Special Guidelines for Wild Ruminant Game Meat and Hunting Trophies from Canada

Hunted, Wild Ruminant Game Meat from Canada

These guidelines are solely for game meat of wild ruminants², including bison (buffalo), caribou (reindeer), deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, mountain sheep, musk ox, and pronghorn (antelope) hunted in Canada for the hunter's own personal use. Continue to [Table A-1-8](#).

TABLE A-1-8 Regulate Hunted, Wild Ruminant Game Meat from Canada

If the meat imported is:	And:	And:	Then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fresh or fresh frozen whole, dressed carcass¹ ◆ Fresh or fresh-frozen meat, with or without bone ◆ Fresh ground or fresh-ground frozen sausage 	Accompanied by a Canadian issued valid hunting license or a photocopy of the license	Accompanied by a Veterinary Services Special Permit for the Importation of Hunter-Harvested Wild Ruminant Meat ² (see the permit on page A-1-15)	RELEASE
		Lacks a Veterinary Services Special Permit	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Lacks a Canadian issued valid hunting license	—————→	
Cooked or cured and dried (includes jerked meat and cured or dried sausages)	—————→	—————→	
Not as identified in the cells above	—————→	—————→	

- Must** be free of the intact head or head parts (brain, eyes, tongue, etc.) and viscera (for example, heart, intestines, kidney, liver, lymph nodes, pancreas, thymus).
- This permit is filled out by the hunter, and then dated and stamped by the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection when the game is released at the port. The permit may be completed at the port of entry. The name on the permit **must** match the name on the hunting license; otherwise prohibit entry.

- Meat from farmed game animals is admissible **only** if accompanied by VS Form 16-6, U.S. Veterinary Permit for the Importation and Transport of Controlled Materials and Organisms and Vectors.



Important

If the meat is shipped by mail, then the required documentation **must** be included with the other shipping documents (U.S. Customs Declaration or invoice).

Ruminant Hunting Trophies from Canada

These guidelines are solely for trophies of free-ranging and farmed wild ruminants, including bison (buffalo), caribou (reindeer), deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, mountain sheep, musk ox, and pronghorn (antelope) hunted in Canada. Trophies from wild animals **other than** ruminants (bears, boas, mountain lions, and wolves) are unrestricted. Continue to [Table A-1-9](#).

TABLE A-1-9 Regulate Ruminant Trophies from Canada

If the trophy:	And:	And:	And:	And:	Then:
Is fully finished	_____			_____→	RELEASE
Is not fully finished	Horns and antlers ◆ With or without skull caps ◆ With or without velvet)	◆ Free of skull cap ◆ Skull cap is present and free of brain tissue	Three or more sets of antlers or horns	Quantity imported corresponds to the number authorized by the hunting license ¹	
				Quantity imported exceeds the number authorized by the hunting license	PROHIBIT ENTRY to excess ¹
			One or two sets of antlers or horns	_____→	RELEASE
		Attached to an intact head	_____	_____→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
		Attached to a skull cap and brain tissue is present	_____	_____→	

TABLE A-1-9 Regulate Ruminant Trophies from Canada (continued)

If the trophy:	And:	And:	And:	And:	Then:
Is not fully finished	Bones, including skulls ◆ With or without antlers ◆ With or without horns	Clean, dry, and free of blood	Three or more sets of skulls or bones	Quantity imported corresponds to the number authorized by the hunting license ¹	RELEASE
				Quantity imported exceeds the number authorized by the hunting license	PROHIBIT ENTRY to excess ¹
			One or two sets of skulls or bones	→	RELEASE
		Not clean, dry, or free of blood	→	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Hides or capes ²	Head is attached	Skull and contents have been removed	→	RELEASE
			Skull and contents are present	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
		Head is not attached	→	→	RELEASE

- 1 If a party of three hunters has a total of racks and skulls that matches the number allowed on the hunters' combined licenses, then these racks (pair of antlers=rack) and skulls are authorized entry. (For example, if the number allowed on each license is two, then a combined total of six racks or skulls may be authorized entry for the three hunters.) However, if the total number of racks and skulls exceeds the number allowed on the hunters' combined licenses, then **prohibit** entry to the excess amount. If the hunters will **not** volunteer which hunter has the extra rack(s) or skull(s), then **prohibit** entry to the entire shipment.
- 2 The cape is the pelt from the head, neck, and forepart of the shoulders of the animal used for mounting as a trophy.



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Veterinary Services Special Permit for the Importation of
Hunter-Harvested Wild Ruminant Meat
Revised October 10, 2003

(This form may be typed or printed)

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF HUNTER:

2. IMPORTER HAS Canadian hunting license or Tribal Identification/Membership Card
(for American Indian or Alaskan Native). A photocopy is acceptable.

_____ Yes _____ No

3. ATTESTATIONS:

a) I am importing meat from the following wild game (circle as applicable):

Bison caribou deer elk moose mountain goat mountain sheep pronghorns
musk ox
Other (specify) _____

b) I am importing this meat for my personal use; I am not importing it for
commercial sale or distribution.

4. HUNTER SIGNATURE _____

RELEASED ON THIS DATE BY DHS/CBP INSPECTOR

Date _____ (stamp)

Inspector _____

DHS/CBP Inspector:

Please send/fax completed forms on a monthly basis to the following address -

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